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SPREADING LAYERS, WETTING AGENTS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION AND THEIR USE IN TEST STRIPS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 26, 2006, please consider the following. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any additional fees which may be due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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